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FOR SISCO

SITUATION IN CYPRUS AS OF 0600 (EDT) JULY 18

THE SITUATION IN CYPRUS. THE CYPRIOT NATIONAL GUARD REMAINS IN FULL CONTROL OF THE CAPITAL CITY OF NICOSIA WHERE THE SITUATION IS RETURNING TO NORMAL. THE AIRPORT HAS REOPENED AND THE CURFEW LIFTED FROM 6:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

MAKARIOS' PLANS. MAKARIOS AND PARTY WILL ARRIVE IN NEW YORK IN THE EARLY AFTERNOON OF JULY 18. THE BRITISH PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN TOLD AMBASSADOR SCALI THAT HIS NEWEST INFORMATION IS THAT MAKARIOS WANTS A SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING FRIDAY, JULY 19 RATHER THAN THURSDAY.

TURKISH ACTIVITY. PM ECEVIT MET WITH BRITISH PM HAROLD WILSON FOR 3-1/2 HOURS IN LONDON LAST NIGHT. THE TURKISH PARLIAMENT IS SCHEDULED TO MEET IN EMERGENCY SESSION TODAY AS THE MILITARY ALERT CONTINUES.

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US DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY. UNDER SECRETARY SISCO WILL ARRIVE

IN LONDON THIS MORNING FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE
BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND TURKISH PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT.

UN SECURITY COUNCIL. AT PERUVIAN INITIATIVE A FIVE POWER
DRAFT SC RESOLUTION HAS BEEN CIRCULATED. SC PRESIDENT
PEREZ DE CUELLAR'S PLAN IS FOR A MODERATE RESOLUTION AC-
CEPTABLE TO ALL SC MEMBERS TO BE ADOPTED PRIOR TO
MAKARIOS' APPEARANCE BEFORE THE SC. USUN DOUBTS THE
SC PRESIDENT'S SCENARIO CAN BE REALIZED. UKUN HAS PRO-
VIDED USUN PRELIMINARY THOUGHTS ON A DRAFT RESOLUTION
WHICH THEY HOPE WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO US AND TO MAKARIOS.
USUN DOUBTS MAKARIOS WOULD AGREE TO BRITISH DRAFT, BUT
AGREES IT WOULD BE MORE ACCEPTABLE TO HIM THAN FIVE POWER
DRAFT.

INTERNATIONAL REACTION

SOVIET UNION -- TASS JULY 17 ISSUED AN OFFICIAL STATE-
MENT OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT. THE STATEMENT WAS UN-
EQUIVOCAL IN STATING GREEK RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE COUP.
IT REFUTED THE ATTEMPTS OF THE GREEK GOVERNMENT TO PICTURE
CYPRUS EVENTS AS AN INTERNAL STRUGGLE. IT SAID THAT
QUOTE SOME PEOPLE IN THE WEST HAD CAUGHT UP THIS FALSE
VERSION UNQUOTE. CREDENCE WAS GIVEN WORLD QUOTE OPINION
UNQUOTE THAT THE COUP WAS PLANNED BY CERTAIN NATO CIRCLES
UNQUOTE. CORRESPONDING NATO COUNTRIES WERE BLAMED FOR
THE FAILURE OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO ADOPT EFFECTIVE
MEASURES IN OPPOSITION TO THE QUOTE OUTSIDE INTERVENTION
UNQUOTE.

IN A CONVERSATION JULY 17 WITH AMBASSADOR STOESSEL, SOVIET
FIRST DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KUZNETSOV ALSO COMPLAINED
OF THE INABILITY OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO ACT.
KUZNETSOV SAID COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN
CYPRUS HAD BEEN CUT AND ASSERTED THAT THE LIVES OF SOVIET
PERSONNEL THERE MIGHT BE IN DANGER.

FRANCE -- THE FRENCH ARE MAKING DEMARCHES TO THE GREEK AND
TURKISH GOVERNMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE EC-9. THE GREEKS ARE
BEING TOLD THEY HAVE A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR

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STABILITY AND INDEPENDENCE OF CYPRUS IN VIEW OF GREEK
PRESENCE IN THE CYPRUS MILITARY. THE TURKS WILL BE
COUNSELED TO MAINTAIN RESTRAINT AND NOT DO ANYTHING THAT
WOULD LEAD TO DESTABILIZATION IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN.
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